

**PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF SOUTH CAROLINA**

**DOCKETING DEPARTMENT**

**NOTICE OF FILING AND HEARING**

**DOCKET NO. 2007-358-E**

**APPLICATION OF DUKE ENERGY CAROLINAS, LLC FOR APPROVAL OF ENERGY EFFICIENCY PLAN INCLUDING AN ENERGY EFFICIENCY RIDER AND PORTFOLIO OF ENERGY EFFICIENCY PROGRAMS**

Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC (“Duke Energy Carolinas” or “Company”) filed an Application with the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (Commission) requesting approval of (1) a new regulatory approach to energy efficiency programs (the “Energy Efficiency Plan”), (2) an energy efficiency rider to implement the approach for Company-sponsored energy efficiency programs, and (3) a portfolio of energy efficiency programs. The Application was filed pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. Sections 58-27-820, 58-27-870, and 58-37-20.

Duke Energy Carolinas states in its application that the new regulatory approach recognizes efficiency as a reliable, valuable resource, a “fifth fuel,” that should be part of the portfolio available to meet customers’ need for electricity along with coal, nuclear, natural gas, and renewable energy and then describes how the Company intends to develop and implement the Energy Efficiency Plan. Additionally, Duke Energy Carolinas proposes the Commission approve an energy efficiency rider that will compensate the Company for delivering verified energy efficiency results. The Company seeks approval for the first year Rider EE charge (including the appropriate revenue related taxes) of \$0.1110 per kWh for residential customers and \$0.0892 per kWh for non-residential customers. Under Duke Energy Carolinas’ proposal, the Commission will adjust Rider EE annually, based on updated projections of results, including projected incremental avoided costs, and actual results achieved by the Company. The proposed portfolio of energy efficiency programs includes Residential Energy Assessments, Smart Saver® for Residential Customers, Low Income Services, Energy Efficiency Education Program for Schools, Power Manager, Non-Residential Energy Assessments, Smart Saver® for Non-Residential Customers, Power Share®, Efficiency Savings Plan, and Advanced Power Manager Program.

In sum, Duke requests that the Commission, after hearing, issue an order approving (1) the implementation of the proposed Energy Efficiency Plan as outlined in its Application; (2) the portfolio of energy efficiency offerings as proposed in Attachment A of the Company’s Application; (3) the implementation of Rider EE as proposed in Attachment B of the Company’s Application, including the proposed charges for customers; (4) the Company’s deferral of certain program costs and amortization of such costs over the life of the applicable program, with an acknowledgment that the revenues established in Rider EE based on avoided costs specifically include the recovery of incurred program costs; (5) the closing of the Interruptible Service Rider (Rider IS), Standby Generation Control Rider (Rider SG), Residential Load Control Rider (Rider LC), and Residential Housing Program; and (6) the proposed manner of accounting for the impacts of the Energy Efficiency Plan in future Quarterly Reports.

A copy of the Company’s complete Application, as well as the proposed rates, charges and tariffs may be obtained from the Commission at the following address: Public Service Commission of South Carolina, Docketing Department, 101 Executive Center Drive, Columbia, South Carolina 29210. Additionally, the Application is available on the Commission’s website at [www.psc.sc.gov](http://www.psc.sc.gov) and is available from Frank R. Ellerbe, III, Esquire, Robinson McFadden and Moore, PC, 1901 Main Street, Suite 1200, Post Office Box 944, Columbia, South Carolina 29202.

In order for testimony and evidence to be received from all interested parties, a public hearing will be held in the Commission’s Hearing Room, Synergy Business Park, Saluda Building, 101 Executive Center Drive, Columbia, South Carolina on **Thursday, January 17, 2008 at 10:30 a.m.**

Any person, who wishes to participate in this matter as a party of record with the right of cross-examination, should file a Petition to Intervene in accordance with the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure on or before **November 9, 2007**, and indicate the amount of time required for his presentation. Please include an email address for receipt of future Commission correspondence in the Petition to Intervene. Please refer to ***Docket No. 2007-358-E***.

Any party who wishes to testify and present evidence at the hearing concerning these matters should notify, in writing, the Docketing Department at the address below, the Office of Regulatory Staff, at Post Office Box 11263, Columbia, South Carolina 29211 and Frank R. Ellerbe, III, Esquire, Robinson McFadden and Moore, PC, 1901 Main Street, Suite 1200, Post Office Box 944, Columbia, South Carolina 29202 on or before **November 9, 2007**, and indicate the amount of time required for the presentation. Please refer to ***Docket No. 2007-358-E***.

Any person, who wishes to be notified of the hearing, but does not wish to present testimony or participate as a party of record, may do so by notifying the Docketing Department, in writing, at the address below on or before **November 9, 2007**. Please refer to ***Docket No. 2007-358-E***.

**Any person who wishes to request that the Commission hold a public hearing in his or her county of residence in order to hear comments from the utility's customers should notify the** Docketing Department, in writing, at the address below, the Office of Regulatory Staff at Post Office Box 11263, Columbia, South Carolina 29211, and Frank R. Ellerbe, Esquire and Bonnie D. Shealy, Esquire, Post Office Box 944, Columbia, South Carolina, on or before **November 9, 2007**. Please refer to ***Docket No. 2007-358-E***.

**Additionally, persons interested in receiving electronic case notifications regarding Docket No. 2007-358-E should subscribe at <http://dms.psc.sc.gov/subscriptions/>.**

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:** Any person who wishes to have his or her comments considered as part of the official record of this proceeding **MUST** present such comments, in person, to the Commission during the hearing.

Persons seeking information about the Commission's Procedures should contact the Commission in Columbia at 803-896-5100.

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